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HR Center Leader Retires from Active Duty

By MC2 Victoria Ochoa

NPS Human Resources Center of Excellence Director Capt. Caroline Nielson, right, poses for a picture with her family after her retirement ceremony at the Roman Plunge Pool, May 26. Nielson is retiring after 30-years of active duty naval service.

"I'm so lucky to have friends and family members who have loved me and supported me in this 30-year career," said Nielson. "I want to thank my mom and dad for teaching my siblings and I that we could be anything we set our minds to and to not hesitate in pursuing our dreams ... You taught me to be a strong and independent woman."

"It's pretty hard to distill a 30-year career into a short speech, so let me just keep it to three words that cover my life philosophy. You've got to learn, laugh and love," she continued.

Nielson was born in Pullman, Wash., and graduated from Cornell University with a degree in History. She was commissioned in 1986 through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps.

Throughout her Naval career, Nielson has been stationed at many locations around the world. Her first assignment was at Coos Bay, Ore. She also served, among other places, at Brawdy, Wales and was the military training director at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

"As the Military Training Director at Great Lakes, she was responsible for the proper training of recruits that joined our Navy from 2008-2011," said guest speaker Capt. Donald W. Bosch. "That means upwards of 100,000 young men and women's lives were changed because of her."

"It's been a pleasure to play a small part in Carrie's military career with the support of

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our girls," added husband Ron Nielson. "I would like to thank her for letting us tag along on this great journey. It's been a wonderful time, and I would do it all over again."

Following her retirement Neilson and her family will be moving back to the Pacific Northwest.

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